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SUBJECT: VISIT OF YUGOSLAV VICE-PRESIDENT ZARKOVIC

- 1. YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT VIDOJE ZARKOVIC MADE A 4 DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO ZAMBIA AUGUST 5-9 TO INAUGURATE THE KAFUE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT. ENERGOPROJEKT OF BELGRADE WAS THE MAIN CONRACTOR FOR MUCH OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF BOTH STAGES OF THE KAFUE PROJECT WHICH NOW HAS GENERATING CAPACITY OF 900 MW. WHILE THE IBRD FINANCED MOST OF THE CONSTRUCTION, YUGOSLAV, THROUGH ENERGO INVEST, LOANED ZAMBIA DOLS 50 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT.
- 2. YUGOSLAV HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN ZAMBIA BUT NO NEW ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA WAS ANNOUNCED DURING ZARKOVIC'S VISIT. THERE WERE PLEDGES OF "CONTINUED COOPERATION" MADE DURING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND PARTY SECRETARY GREY ZULU BUT NO SPECIFICS WERE MENTIONED. PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS PREDICTABLY COMPLIMENTARY TO PRESIDENT TITO AND ZULU PLEDGED ZAMBIA'S DETERMINATION TO MOVE TO A HUMANIST SOCIETY THROUGH SOCIALISM. ZARKOVIC PROMISED CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ZAMBIA AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
- 3. ZARKOVIC SPENT A DAY ON A HUNTING SAFARI, ANOTHER AT THE PROJECT INAUGURATION AND TWO DAYS IN MEETINGS WITH GRZ UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALS. HIS ARRIVAL WAS WARMLY GREETED BY A CROWD CONSISTING MAINLY OF DIPLOMATICS. GRZ OFFICIALS, AND THE YUGOSLAV COMUNITY. THE VISIT WAS FAIRLY LOW KEY AND MOST REPORTS OF HIS STAY FOCUSED ON REMARKS BY GRZ OFFICIALS RATHER THAN ON STATEMENTS BY ZARKOVIC.
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